1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee considered the following continued petitions—

- **PE1319 on Improving youth football in Scotland:** The Committee considered the petition and took evidence from Ian Maxwell, Chief Executive, and Alyson Evans, Child Wellbeing and Protection Manager, the Scottish FA. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence heard and consider a revised draft report at a future meeting. It also agreed to write to the Children and Young People's Commissioner and the Education and Skills Committee.
- **PE1600 on Speed Awareness Courses:** The Committee agreed to close the petition, under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders, on the basis that all relevant organisations are committed to the introduction of speed awareness courses, pending operational and financial assessments by various working groups.
- **PE1671 on Sale and use of glue traps:** The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and the Pest Management Alliance.
- **PE1674 on Managing the Cat Population in Scotland:** The Committee agreed to close the petition, under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders, on the basis that the Scottish Government is currently undertaking work to protect the existence of the Scottish wildcat, including measures to help secure 5 stable populations of Scottish wildcats. It also agreed to write to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.
- **PE1709 on Install CCTV cameras and provide full time social work support in all additional support needs schools:** The Committee agreed to close the petition, under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders, on the basis that from
written submissions received, there is limited support for the action called for in the petition. It also agreed to write to the Education and Skills Committee.

2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee considered the following new petitions—

PE1766 on Legal aid for private criminal prosecutions for unwaged and/or learning-disabled victims of abuse. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1768 on Children Hearing proceedings should be minuted and or recorded. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1769 on Higher Education in Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government. It also agreed to write to Quality Assurance Agency Scotland and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.

PE1772 on Ban Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender teaching and sexual pictures from the school curriculum. The Committee agreed to close the petition, under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders, on the basis that the Scottish Government has committed to have lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inclusive education embedded in the curriculum.

PE1773 on Reform rape law. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government. It also agreed to write to Abused Men in Scotland, the Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service, the Law Society of Scotland, Police Scotland and Rape Crisis Scotland.

PE1777 on To introduce British Sign Language (BSL) into the Curriculum for Excellence. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and Education Scotland.

The meeting closed at 11.17 am.

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